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1. IN EARLY EVENING OF MARCH 3, SMALL GROUP, IDENTIFIED ONLY AS ANARCHISTS, DEMONSTRATED IN DOWNTOWN LISBON IN FAVOR OF THE "STRUGGLE OF THE SPANISH" WORKERS. RALLY HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED IN ANONYMOUS PAMPHLETS LAST WEEK (REFTEL A). THERE WAS SOME QUESTION AS TO HOW GOP WOULD HANDLE EVENT IN VIEW GOP SENSITIVITY TO ANYTHING THAT COULD OFFEND SPANISH.

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2. AN ON-THE-SCENE OBSERVER REPORTED THAT THE DEMONSTRATORS WERE OUTNUMBERED BY THE 200 MARINES SENT BY COPCON TO DEAL WITH SITUATION. DEMONSTRATORS WAVED THEIR BLACK FLAGS OUTSIDE THE SPANISH CHANCERY, THREW ROCKS AT IBERIA OFFICE (HITTING ADJACENT ALITALIA), AND ENDED UP WITH THEIR DWINDLING RANKS BEING THROWN OUT OF LOCAL DRUGSTORE, WHERE THEY HAD GONE TO EAT.

3. COMMENT: LAST ANTI-SPANISH DEMONSTRATION WAS BANNED BY GOP (REFTEL B). ALTHOUGH GOP PROBABLY KNEW THT ANARCHISTS' AFFAIR WOULD BE MINOR EVENT, IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT NO EFFORT WAS MADE TO EITHER PREVENT IT FROM HAPPENING OR TO RESTRAIN WINDOW-SMASHING ACTIVITIES. ONCE AGAIN, IT APPEARS THAT SECURITY FORCES SOUGHT TO AVOID HEAD-ON CONFRONTATION--EVEN WITH VERY SMALL GROUP OF DEMONSTRATORS.
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